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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION, NON-ESSENTIAL WORDS OMITTED, OF PRESS SUMMARY INCLUDING SOME DIRECT QUOTES) OF SPEECH DELIVERED BY DEP PRIMIN YIGAL ALLON NOVEMBER 26. (OFFICIAL TEXT UNAVAILABLE.)

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ALLON SAID AT LECTURE AT VAN LEER INSTITUTE IN JERUSALEM LAST NIGHT THAT GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL REGARDS PEACE AS CONCRET OBJECTIVE, NOT SOMETHING FOR DAYS OF MESSIAH, BUT AS SUBJECT THAT HAS TO BE TREATED WITH FULL DONFIDENCE AND HOPE, SO AS NOT TO LEAVE ANY SHADOW OF DOUBT THAT WE MIGHT NOT HAVE DONE WHAT WE WERE SUPPOSED TO DO.

3. " JUST AS WE HAVE WAR ROOMS, SO I WOULD WISH WE HAD PEACE ROOM, IN WHICH ALL ALTERNATIVES COULD BE EXAMINED,



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SO AS NOT TO MISS THAT CHANGE, WHICH HAS PERHAPS BEEN CREATED, AGAINST BACKGROUND OF THE WAR. WE MUST DO EVERY-THING WE CAN SO AS TO MAKE THIS LAST WAR BETWEEN OURSELVES AND ARABS.

- 4. * OUR FIRST OBJECTIVE IS STABILIZATION OF CEASEFIRE, THROUGH DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES AND CREATION OF UN BUFFER ZONE BETWEEN THEM, WITH DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES IT IS NOT OUR INTENTION TO CREATE NEW " STATUS QUO" IN STYLE OF 1971. SO FAR, WE HAVE NOT ACHIEVED SEPARATION OF FORCES; FURTHER EFFORTS WILL BE MADE, AND IF WE DO NOT SUCCEED (AT STAGE OF OFFICERS MEETINGS AT KM 101) SUBJECT WILL COME UP AT GENEVA CONFERENCE ON DECEMBER 18.
- 5. " WE RECOGNIZE SOVEREIGNTY OF EGYPT ON BOTH SIDES OF SUEZ CANAL AND WANT TO DEEPEN IT SO THAT TI COULD SERVE FOR NAVIGATION OF LARGE SHIPS. HE DO NOT INSIST ON ELEMENT OF GEOGRAPHIC SYMMETRY AS FAR AS SEPARATION OF FORCES IS CONCERNED, BUT ON ELEMENT OF STRATEGIC SYMMETRY. THE MILITARY ARRANGEMENT IS TEMPORARY—UNTIL NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA."
- 6. ALLON SAID THAT, AT CABINET SESSION LAST SUNDAY, GOVERNMENT RESPONDED NOT UNANIMOUSLY TO PROPOSAL MADE BY US SECRETARY OF STATE AS REGARDS PLACE AND TIME OF TALKS, "INORDER TO SIGN PEACE TREATY, WHICH WILL CONTAIN PAINFUL COMPROMISES, MANDATE FROM THE PEOPLE IS REQUIRED, BUT THIS IS NOT ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO START TALKS, A PEACE TREATY HAS TO PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH SECURITY SHE NEEDS AND TO RESPOND TO INTERESTS OF ARAB SIDE, THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT CANNOT BE SOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT ASYMMETRY OF POSITIONS OF TWO SIDES, IT WOULD BE BETTER IF WE COULD MEET IN GENEVA WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH ARAB COUNTRY SEPARATELY. WHEN THEY ARE TOGETHER THEY" STRAIGHTEN OUT THEIR LINE" IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOST EXTREMIST FACTOR."
- 7. ALLON CALLED FOR AN EARLY DEBATE ON SUBSTANCE OF PEACE

BEFORE DEBATE ON PEACE MAP. "IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY OF DEMILITARIZED ZONES, I WOULD PREFER MINOR BORDER CHANGES. I FEAR THAT THE DAY MAY COME WHEN PEOPLE WILL LOOK BACK WITH LONGING ON THE MAPS I DREW. TO THE ARAB COUNTRIES I



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WOULD SUGGEST (CHERISHING THEIR) SOVEREIGNTY AND AVOIDANCE OF DEPENDENCE ON THE SUPERPOWERS. THERE ARE DIFFICULT DAYS AHEAD, UNTIL WE REACH THE OBJECTIVE "

B. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SOLDIERS SHOULD KNOW THAT GOVERNMENT HAS DONE EVERYTHING IT POSSIBLY COULD IN ORDER TO TURN CEASEFIRE INTO PEACE TREATY. ALLON WARNED AGAINST DUAL CLAIM THAT WE WANT PEACE BUT REJECT SIX-POINT AGREEMENT.

9. ALLON EXPRESSED HOPE THAT CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT WILL BE HONORED, "I HAVE NO DOUBT AS TO OUTCOME OF FIGHTING IF ATTEMPTS ARE MADE TO FORCE US INTO BATTLE; YET, WE DO NOT WANT BATTLES, NOT BECAUSE WE ARE AFRAID OF THEIR OUTCOME. WE DO NOT WANT TO SUFFER LOSSES (OF LIVES), OR DEFEAT AND FRUSTRATION ON OTHER SIDE. ANOTHER ARAB DEFEAT WILL PUT AN END TO THE CHANCES OF PEACE WHICH HAVE RECENTLY CROPPED UP."

10. ALTHOUGH ALLON DID NOT MENTION GALILI DOCUMENT EXPLICITLY, HE ATTACKED THE EXTREMIST PLAN CONCERNING TERRITORIES, WHICH HAS CREATED IMAGE OF ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE VIS-A-VIS ARAB MODERATION. ATTEMPT TO RENEW THE DEBATE (ON YAMIT) HAS CAUSED POLITICAL DAMAGE TO ISRAEL. ALLON ARGUED AGAINST PROPOSAL VOICED BY DAYAN, ACCORDING TO WHICH "TIME WORKS IN OUR FAVOR." IN MILITARY SPHERE WE HAVE MAINTAINED BALANCE OF POWER, BUT IN POLITICAL SPHERE, TIME WAS ON "THEIR" SIDE. BOTH ARABS AND THE US THINK THAT OUR BARGAINING POSITIONS HAVE BEEN WEAKENED IN THIS WAR. IT IS OUR AIM TO ACHIEVE PEACE TREATY, BASED ON FAIR TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE. ISRAELIS AND ARABS HAVE TO REMEMBER, THAT, IN VIEW OF THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN SUPER-POWERS, THEY BEAR A GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY. END TEXT.